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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for managing communications over a plurality of networked devices, the method comprising:

exchanging a first directed, one to one communication between a first networked device and a second networked device over a secure communication channel established between said first networked device and said second networked device using a first type of communication medium, the first type of communication medium being a point-to-point medium; and

configuring, via said secure communication channel, a use of a second type of communication medium, different from said first type of communication medium, shared medium by at least said second networked device, the second type of communication medium being a shared medium, wherein said configuring enables said second networked device to broadcast messages to a third networked device over said shared medium in a manner that allows said messages to be heard by other networked devices within range of said second networked device and said third networked device.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said configuring comprises:

exchanging a second communication between said first networked device and said third networked device over said shared medium.

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25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said second networked device initiates said first communication.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein at least one of: said first networked device and said second networked device is a personal computing device.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said personal computing device is at least one of: a personal digital assistant, a tablet computer, a laptop computer, a mobile phone, a handheld gaming device and a picoradio.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said first networked device is a network resource.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said network resource is at least one of: a printer, a projection display, a robot, a scanner, a facsimile machine and a data collection device.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said first networked device is part of a wired communications network.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said second networked device is part of a wireless communication network.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said point-to-point medium is at least one of: an infrared communications network and a radio frequency communications network.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said first communication grants at least one of said first networked device and said second

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networked device a capability to perform a specified action in accordance with said shared medium.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said configuring comprises:

providing data to said second networked device to enable said second networked device to connect to said shared medium.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions including instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of a method for managing communications over a plurality of networked devices, the method comprising:

exchanging a first directed, one to one communication between a first networked device and a second networked device over a secure communication channel established between said first networked device and said second networked device using a first type of communication medium, the first type of communication medium being a point-to-point medium; and

configuring, via said secure communication channel, a use of a second type of communication medium, different from said first type of communication medium, shared medium by at least said second networked device, the second type of communication medium being a shared medium, wherein said configuring enables said second networked device to broadcast messages to a third networked device over said shared medium in a manner that allows said messages to be heard by other networked devices within range of said second networked device and said third networked device.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said configuring comprises:

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exchanging a second communication between said first networked device and said third networked device over said shared medium.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said second networked device initiates said first communication.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein at least one of: said first networked device and said second networked device is a personal computing device.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein said personal computing device is at least one of: a personal digital assistant, a tablet computer, a laptop computer, a mobile phone, a handheld gaming device and a picoradio.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said first networked device is a network resource.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein said network resource is at least one of: a printer, a projection display, a robot, a scanner, a facsimile machine and a data collection device.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said first networked device is part of a wired communications network.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said second networked device is part of a wireless communication network.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said point-to-point medium is at least one of: an infrared communications network and a

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radio frequency communications network.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said first communication grants at least one of said first networked device and said second networked device a capability to perform a specified action in accordance with said shared medium.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said configuring comprises:

providing data to said second networked device to enable said second networked device to connect to said shared medium.